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attaches to the authorities who fail to give the needed protection, and to the investigators who fail to point out the criminal character of the anarchistic organization against which the decent citizens have taken action. ^ "Here again you are engaged in excusing men like the Bolsheviki in Eussia, who are murderers and encouragers of murder, who are traitors to their allies, to democracy and to civilization, as well as to the United States, and whose acts are nevertheless apologized for on grounds substantially like those which you allege. In times of danger nothing is more common and nothing more dangerous to the republic, than for men, often ordinarily meaning men—to avoid condemning the criminals, who are really public enemies, by making their entire assault on the shortcomings of the good citizens who have been the victims or opponents of the criminals. This was done not only by Danton and Eobespierre but by many of their ordinarily honest associates in connection with, for instance, the * September massacres.' It is not the kind of thing I care to see well meaning men do in this country."

All through the year 1918,' which was the final year of his life, Koosvelt devoted himself with undiminished zeal and energy to speaking and writing upon the great subjects that were nearest to his heart—undiluted and undivided loyalty to America and the utmost possible effort in prosecuting the war. In September he made a tour through the western States, speaking in Ohio, Nebraska and

Montana, urging
resolute support of the Government in its
war activities
and uncompromising warfare upon Germany
until unconditional surrender was accomplished.
Returning to New
York, one of his first speeches was before
an audience
of Germans in the hall of the Liederkrantz
Society, on Oc-
tober 15, 1918. His son, Captain Archibald
Roosevelt, home
from the front in France with a wounded arm,
was on the
platform with him.

With his customary detestation of "pussy
footing" he
said on that occasion: "We must win the
peace of over-